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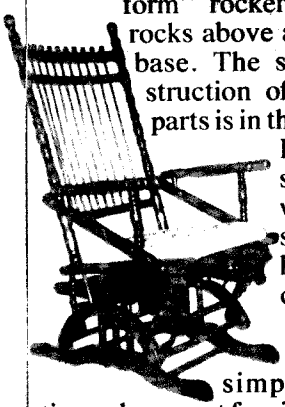
"Platform" Rocker

This rocking chair has been in my husband's family for at least 85 years. Originally the seat was made of cane. What can you tell me about it?—O.C.M., Poland, Ohio.

Your rocker is a type of patented chair made in the 1880s that is increasingly prized by today's collectors. It is called a "platform" rocker because it rocks above a stationary base. The simple construction of its turned parts is in the American Eastlake style, which was inspired by late-19th-century design reformers seeking simplicity at a time when most furniture makers were trying to achieve a look of elegance through lavish, often tasteless, decoration.



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Frances Davies Reese's Eastlake style platform rocker is at the Golf Course.